

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on December 27, 2007. Claims 28-44 and 61-82 are pending. Claims 28, 35, 36, 38, and 44 have been amended. Claim 34 has been cancelled. Claims 61-82 are new. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 34-36 and 38-44 are allowable. In view of the foregoing amendments, as well as the following remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in complete condition for allowance and request reconsideration of the application in this regard.

Claims 28, 29, 32, 33, and 37 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as anticipated by Voudouris (U.S. Pat. No. 6,257,883). Claims 30 and 31 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as obvious over Voudouris (U.S. Pat. No. 6,257,883) in view of Kelley et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,325,622). Applicants have amended claim 28 to include the subject matter of dependent claim 34, now cancelled, which was considered by the Examiner to be allowable. Applicants have also amended claims 36, 38 and 44, which were also considered by the Examiner to be allowable, into independent form. Applicants have added new dependent claims from independent claims 36, 38, and 44, respectively, analogous to existing dependent claims 29-33 and 37, and each of which depends from an allowable independent claim.

Applicants have made a bona fide effort to respond to each and every requirement set forth in the Office Action. In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, this application is submitted to be in complete condition for allowance and, accordingly, a timely notice of allowance to this effect is earnestly solicited. If there is any additional matter that may be resolved by telephone or fax, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite issuance of this application.

Applicants do not believe fees are due in connection with filing this communication. However, if such petition is due or any fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,
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